

# **Savannah River Hydrogen Storage Technology**

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- **Federal R&D Center at Savannah River Site**
  - SRS is part of DOE Defense Complex (14,000 employees & 310 sq. miles)
  - Hydrogen (i.e. tritium) major mission for over 50 years
  - Designed, built and currently operate world's largest MH based processing facility
- **Increasing focus on related national needs**
  - Laboratory has 750 professionals (45% advanced degrees)
  - Over 80 scientists/engineers dedicated to hydrogen technology (*probably largest hydrogen staff in country*)
  - Provide technical solutions from concept-RD&D-operation
  - Current major focus on hydrogen technology



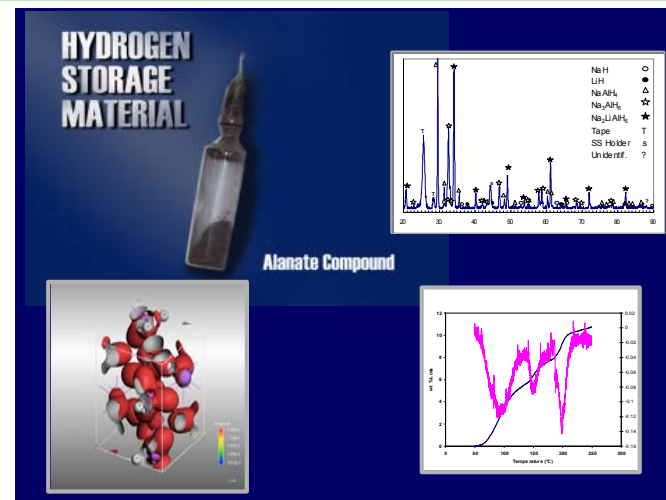
**Advanced Hydride Laboratory**



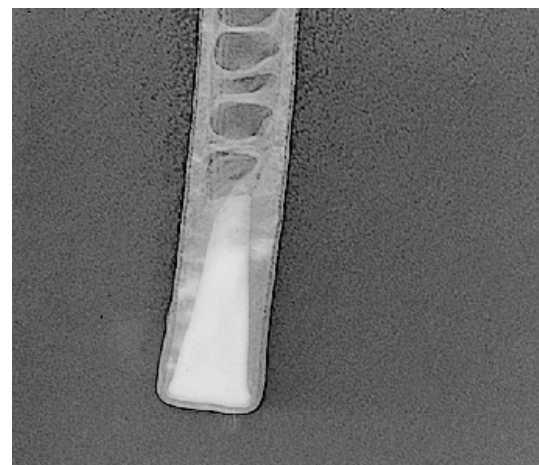
**Fuel Cell Vehicle with MH Storage**



- **80,000 ft<sup>2</sup> hydrogen R&D lab in progress**
  - Located at Savannah River Research Park
  - 30,000 ft<sup>2</sup> reserved for academic & industrial partners
- **Operation scheduled for Summer 2004**
- **Focus on hydrogen R&D**
  - Advanced storage
  - Separation, production, sensors, safety and hydrogen effects on materials



**Alanate Research Program**



**Doped Carbon Nanotube**

# Metal Hydride Center of Excellence

- **Savannah River - *Center Lead***
  - Large existing hydrogen research staff
  - Over 25 years of metal hydride experience
  - Charter Member of DOE Working Group on Complex Hydrides
  - Lead PI has key patents in alanate/complex hydrides
- **Extensive Track Record and Existing Facilities**
  - Partnerships with universities and industry
  - Ongoing CRADA with major industrial partner directed at high-capacity storage for fuel cell applications
  - Research facilities include:
    - Inert atmosphere chambers, high pressure manifolds, pressurized ball mills, characterization/analytical instrumentation, etc.
    - Additional facilities and equipment planned for new laboratory

# Partners and Support

	<u>SRTC</u>	<u>Nat Labs</u>	<u>Univ.</u>	<u>Industry</u>
• <b>Program Coordination</b>	X			
• <b>Material Development</b>	X	x	X	x__
– Develop New Compositions				
– Kinetic Enhancements				
• <b>Material Characterization</b>	x	X	x	x
– Thermodynamics and Kinetics				
– Structure, Spectroscopic & Surface Analysis				
• <b>Structural and Dynamic Modeling</b>	x	X	X	
• <b>Scale Up and Engineering Development</b>	X			X



# Additional Hydrogen Storage Activities

- **Carbon - *Partner***
  - Member of DOE Carbon Working Group
  - Developed novel method for forming doped carbon nanotubes as part of DOE Storage Program (patent pending)
  - Collaborated with universities and others in hydrogen and carbon systems
- **Chemical Hydrides - *Partner***
  - Internally funded R&D on borohydride materials
  - New high pressure testing and material processing capabilities
  - Extensive expertise in chemical processing and engineering to support regeneration scale up
  - Collaborated with leading universities on chemical hydrides for DOD R&D applications
  - Currently working with DOD on reviewing chemical hydride technology as part of DUS&T Program